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Comments:

Please provide input on the Environmental Assessment, the Preferred Alternative, and any other comments regarding the project. When complete, please return the form to the Comment Station. Written statements can be submitted at the meeting and can also be mailed to the address shown to the right. Written statements received at the meeting or mailed to the address, if postmarked by April 24, 2018, will become part of the summary of this meeting.

LADOTD Right of Way Acquisition

Detailed information on Right-of-way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance may be found in the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance brochure available here tonight.

Copies are available at the following locations:

St. Tammany Parish Library
Slidell Branch
555 Rob ert Blvd
Slidell, LA 70458

LADOTD Headquarters
1201 Capitol Access Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

The EA can be reviewed
and/or purchased at:

LADOTD District 62 Office
685 N. Morrison Boulevard
Hammond, LA 70401

Regional Planning Commission
10 Veterans Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70124

FHWA
5304 Flanders Drive #A
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Contact:

By Mail:

US 11 Project Manager
ARCADIS U.S., Inc.
10352 Plaza Americana Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

EA Document



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http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Documents/H.000688%20US%2011%20Norfolk%20Southern%20Railroad/10-US%2011%20EA%20FINAL_Complete.pdf



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FEDERAL AID NO: H000688
NAME: US 11 Norfolk Southern Railroad
ROUTE: US 11
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
PARISH: ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Open House Public Information Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

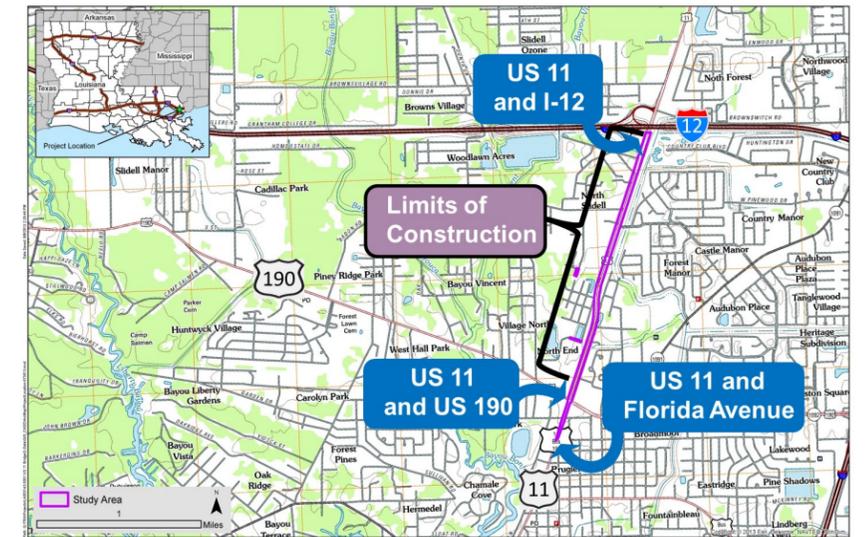
Slidell Junior High School

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC), propose to replace the US Highway 11 (US 11) bridge over the Norfolk Southern (NS) railroad and widen US 11 from two lanes to four lanes from Lafayette Street north to Powell Drive in Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

The study of the alternatives developed in this environmental assessment and the associated environmental consequences were evaluated according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); LADOTD's Stage 1 Planning/Environmental Manual of Standard Practice; and FHWA Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents.



PURPOSE AND NEED

- The purpose of the project is to address:
 - Safety features of the bridge crossing the Norfolk Southern railroad
 - System reliability of the roadway from US 190 north to Powell Drive
- The project is needed in order to:
 - Upgrade the bridge and roadway segment to current design standards and improve system reliability
 - Address safety features of the bridge
 - Improve capacity and travel time
 - Relieve current and future congestion
 - Improve area-wide mobility and system reliability

Impact Summary

Preferred Alternative Impact Matrix

Evaluation Factors	Alternative 1R Modified, Bridge 1	No Build
Structure Impacts		
Residence	0	0
Business	5	0
Church	0	0
Public Facility	0	0
Pipelines/Pumps	0	0
Signage	6	0
Parking Spaces	25	0
Potential Relocations	3	0
Noise	5	5
Natural Resources		
Cemetery	0	0
100-Year Floodplain	21	0
Surface Waters (acres)	1.5	0
Wetland (acres)	<2	0
Prime Farmland (acres)	0	0
Archaeological	0	0
Historic Resources > 50 Years Old	23	0
Eligible Historic Resources—Impacted	1	0
Known Underground	3	0
Water Wells	3	0
Oil and Gas Wells	0	0
Traffic Impacts		
Permanent Road	1	0
Temporary Detour	0	0

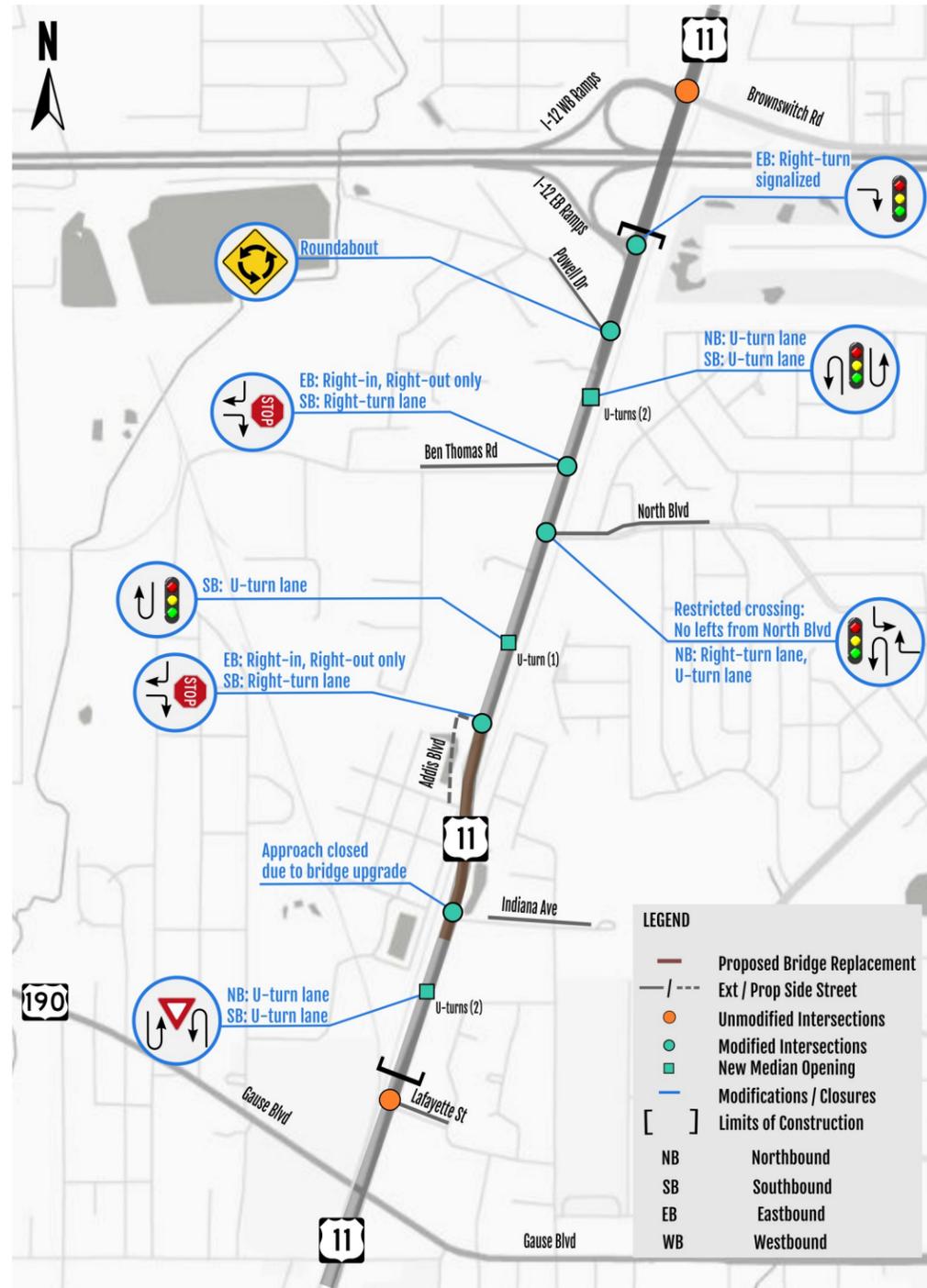
Preferred Alternative Cost Analysis

Evaluation Factors	Alternative 1R Modified, Bridge 1	No Build
Total Length (miles)	1.4	0
Cost (million dollars)		
Roadway Construction	13.6	0
Roundabout Construction	1.9	0
Bridge Construction	48.2	0
Utility Relocation	0.405	0
Right-of-Way Acquisition	3.7	0
Wetland Mitigation	0.20	0
Surveying, Engineering, Construction Supervision, and Inspection	3.8	0
TOTAL	71.8	0
Includes 20% Roadway and 10% Bridge Contingency for Estimating Purposes. Costs Rounded.		



Visualization the Bridge Preferred Alternative. The view is looking north on US 11.

Intersection Modifications



Preferred Alternative Alternative 1R Modified, Bridge 1

As a result of the comprehensive resources evaluation; traffic studies; public, local officials, federal, and state resource agency coordination; Alternative 1R Modified with Bridge 1 was identified as the Preferred Alternative.

- Widening of US 11 from Lafayette Street to Powell Drive.
- Constructing 4-lane bridge crossing NS Railroad
- Allowing for maintenance of traffic on US 11
- Providing a sidewalk connecting to local roads

Changes Since 2015

- Proposed improvements south of Lafayette Street (Hall Ave., Gause Blvd. and Lafayette St.) were removed.
- Travel lanes were reduced from 12 feet to 11 feet to minimize required right-of-way impacts.
- Railroad right-of-way impacts were reduced.
- Right-of-way impacts to businesses east of US 11 between Gause Blvd. and Indiana St. were eliminated or reduced.
- The Addis Blvd. connection to US 11 was restored.
- Impacts to the West Diversion Detention Pond were reduced.
- A northbound U-Turn for passenger cars at North Blvd was added.
- The southbound left turn lane from US 11 to North Blvd. was reduced from dual lefts to a single left turn lane.
- A roundabout was added at Powell Dr. to accommodate large truck U-turn movements on US 11 and for large truck to access to Powell Dr.
- A signalized dual right turn lane was added at the I-12 Eastbound Exit Ramp to improve US 11 southbound operations and traffic flow.